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BY LUCILLE A. L. TIBBETTS.

Philander Simpkins, I do b'lieve
You've lost yer common sense!
A savin' for sixty years an' then
A goin' ter this expense!A-doin' yer work without a man.
So's not ter hev' him ter pay;A-makin' a slave o' yerself an', then
Jest throwin' yer money away!A-scrimpin' alons' for all these years
On less'n' a few' ter need;Then, all of a sud'in' a lauchin' out
An' buyin' a sunthin' ter read!You never seemed ter be no hand
Tryin' experiments—

Buyin' machin' an' lik' o' that—

You've saved yer dollars and cents.

You never jined no grange ned' Lodge;
You wa'n't no sich a thieve;You've let the clowns com' an' go
An' ha'v'n' good'n' em' once.An, then, Philander, ever all.
Ter think you've got so greenEz ter squander th' hull of a dollar
On a monthly magazine!Something is wrong, then, at a single
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have a more perfect law that is absolutely
ignored. In the second place, just
as much opportunity would be taken
away for traffic between the police and other
organizations."Portland will be the only city in Maine
which Hon. W. J. Bryan will visit duringhis political tour. He will speak twice
at the banquet and at the mass meeting
held at the same hours. His visit promises
to be a great feature for his party.South Carolina, under her state dis-
pensary liquor bureau, realized a net
profit, the past year, of \$414,181, while
New York, under the license system,
picked up a net profit of \$12,582,248.
Does Maine want to adopt either of these
systems?Massachusetts savings banks, like
Maine, make a good showing for the
past year, the deposits having increased
\$29,559,124.87 during 1899. No stronger
evidence of the prosperity of the great
bulk of the inhabitants of any state can
be found than in these surprising figures.Those who have lost their all by the
failure of the banking house in Portland,
will hardly find the testimony of the pro-
prietors pleasant reading. The fact that
since last February they have divided so-
called profits with salaries to the amount of
\$34,000, may lessen surprise at the
outcome.The executive committee of the State
Pomological Society made a good selection
for secretary, to fill the vacancy
caused by the death of Prof. Cook, when
they chose Mr. Chas. S. Pope of Man-
chester. No man is more familiar with
the work of the society or better equipped
than ex-Prof. Pope.Rev. Dr. Lorimer of Boston declares
that "The fight in the next 25 years will
be between militarism and the church of
Jesus Christ. Would that the church
today might realize the crisis and gather
its strength for the combat for peace, so
that from 10,000 pulpits, instead of a
dozen, might be heard the call for peace."It is a pleasure to read the reports of
the grand meetings lately held in Nova
Scotia and Prince Edward's Island, and
note the true ring of the addresses upon
the questions so vital to the Provinces at
the present time. It is such work as
this which is sending the Provinces ahead so rapidly in their agricultural
work.There is a persistent rumor that the
management of the Grand Trunk is again
called to be the official head, and Mr. Tucker
is now in Europe, and rumor has it that
he was sent by the directors of this
road. If the change comes, it will mean
much for Maine, and especially Portland.The very positive vote excluding the
polygamist Roberts from a seat in the
House at Washington, is evidence of that
strong moral sentiment which needs only
to be aroused to insure prompt and
emphatic rebuke of the laws of man and
God. It forever settles the question with
Utah, and will do much to check the
seductive influence of those who still
seek to perpetuate the doctrines of Brigham
Young.A Kansas daily paper has, for one
week, been given into the hands of a
clergyman who is ambitious to manage
every department upon the basis: "What
would Jesus do?" In view of the
announced increasing of the price of the
paper, some irreverent person has written
the nominal proprietor, asking: "If
Jesus were to assume the management,
do you think he would put up the price
on us like this the very first dash out of
the box?"A peculiar case is in the courts of
Franklin county, where a father was fined
in the municipal court for sending his
son to a school of his own selection in
stead of that designated by the school
board. Before the case is settled in the
higher courts the rights of parents, as
well as school authorities, should be well
established. In some ways there is a
tendency to minimize the authority of the
home and confer arbitrary powers by
legislation.In an able and scholarly article by Hon.
T. B. Reed, contributed for one of the
leading publications, the claim is made
that "increase of knowledge is increase
of civilization," and that "when the
interests of all nations get so universally
interwoven with the warp and woof of
that the knowledge of its devastations
will be brought home to all men, war will
cease. But the proclamation that there shall be no more war will
come from the tradesmen and not from
the preacher."The Maine Press Association, Woman's
Federation of Clubs and newspapers of
the state are united in urging Old Home
Week in Maine the coming summer. What
is needed now is that the dates be
fixed and announced, and the ball set
rolling. No one is authorized to ap-
point a week, but a message from our
honored governor would at once be
recognized and accepted. The people of
Maine are ready to unite as soon as
the dates are fixed. A special message
from the chief executive will materially
aid the movement.Something is wrong, then, at a single
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SPECIAL OFFER.

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few months is very gratifying, and
though we have now reached the
12,000 mark, it is our desire to
swell the list to 20,000 before
spring.With the subscription price at
only \$1.00 a year, the Maine Farmer
is giving more live reading
matter than any other paper, but
that we may serve our subscribers
in every way possible, this
GREAT OFFER is made, to
remain open for a brief period.FOR \$1.50 we will send the
Maine Farmer one year, the Woman's
Home Companion, an ele-
gant monthly, one year, and the
Life of Dewey, profusely illustrated,
a volume of 350 pages; or,FOR \$1.50 we will send the
Maine Farmer one year, The
Housekeeper, one of the best home
monthlys, one year, and the Buck-
eye Cook Book, 525 pages.Here are the greatest offers ever
made, and they will merit imme-
diate acceptance. Send in your
orders and secure these grand
presents while swelling the influ-
ence of the agricultural and home
paper of Maine.We can afford to be proud of our
native state for what it has done in the
past. We owe it whatever service we
can render for its future. Its resources
are ample to sustain a much larger popu-
lation than it now has. In its broad
main, it has some of the most fertile land
on the continent, Aroostook county,
nearly as large as Massachusetts, has a
great body of the best land east of the
prairies. Its forests and seashore attract a
constantly increasing number of visi-
tors. Its people possess still the priceless
heritage of industry, intelligence
and the love of liberty."The next serial to be run in the Farmer
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The officers elect are.

President, C. W. Robbins, Old Town.

Vice Presidents, Charles A. Pillsbury,
Belfast; Jess H. Ogier, Camden, and L.
P. Evans, Dover.

Secretary, Joseph Wood, Portland.

Treasurer, P. O. Vickery, Augusta.

Corresponding Secretary, L. P. Board-
man, Bangor.Executive Committee, C. W. Robbins,
ex-officio, Howard Owen, Augusta;
Frank G. Rich, Bangor, and F. W. San-
born, Norway.The committee on essayist and poet
reported the following who were elected:
Essayist, S. L. Boardman, Bangor
Commercial.Poet, J. Clair Minot, Kennebec Journal,
Augusta.The law-breakers. In the third place, it
would secure us the undivided support of
the German population, and a com-
bination between native Americans, Ger-
mans and Hebrews ought to enable us to
gain a steady victory over Tammany."The next serial to be run in the Farmer
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whole, to be at least one more striking
advance as regards quality and quantity.In regard to the quantity and value of
this year's crop, one cannot be quite pos-
itive, but from figures in our possession
and judging from last year's crop it may
safely be estimated that the fall ship-
ment is 255,000 barrels, valued at \$2.50
per barrel, \$637,500. The home con-
sumption and shipment to the United
States and Maritime provinces 155,000
barrels valued at \$1.60 per barrel or \$235,
000, making a total value of \$862,500.At a meeting of the trustees of South
Kennebec Agricultural Society, Jan. 26,
it was voted to hold the next annual
fair, Sept. 18, 19 and 20, 1900.HEADLINES. Mrs. Mehitable Gilman,
who has been passing the winter at
Peak's Island with her son, William
Howard, died last week with paralysis,
and was brought here for burial the 23d.

The services were conducted by the Rev.

Mr. Holmes from the Methodist chapel.

Earlier in the forenoon were the funeral
services of Mrs. A. Handy. She has
been an inmate of the insane hospital
for the past year. The exercises were
attended by the Rev. Mr. Atwood.Tuesday evening the Universalist society
gave a supper, a short programme and
social at the vestry, which was well at-
tended and very enjoyed.—The re-
cent rains have raised the ponds, and
the hum of machinery is again heard.—Those who have travelled our streets
the past week have fully appreciated the
beauty of the hills and been willing to
swear allegiance to—creepers.—Augusta teachers are to be com-
mended in their efforts to establish
school savings banks. Already they are
in operation, and stimulating economy on
the part of the scholars.—Every town and city should have a
Humane Society to protect the animals
from the abuse heaped upon them by the
brutes. By all means let the old organiza-
tion be revived or a new one in-
stituted.

—Under the wise supervision of the

state superintendent of the State House,

Col. E. C. Stevens, the work of trans-
formation is going steadily on and by
Jan. 1, 1901, the whole building will be
radically improved and made attractive.—These are the days when around the
stoves and heaters great projects are dis-
cussed. Just now the talk of an electric
road to Cobbscoocontee is being re-
vived.

—The grange will give an

entertainment at their hall Feb. 9th,

the first of a series.—The Augusta high
school boys held a minstrel show at
Gile's hall, Friday evening, but owing to

a business man he was keen and fainted, honest in the minutest details. In 1891 he represented ward one in the city council, but had no further political aspirations. His death is a great loss to the city.

—After a successful year's work the Kennebec Steamboat Company at its annual meeting last week elected the following officers for the coming year: President, James B. Drake, Bath; treasurer, A. C. Harlow, Gardiner; directors, James Collins, Gardiner; Oscar Holway, Elias Milliken and Arthur W. Whitney, Augusta, and President Drake.

NORTHEAST FAYETTE. Mr. E. H. Banks of York Village, is a guest at present in the family of Mr. E. U. Fellows—Miss Fanny E. Jose of Dexter was in town Saturday and Sunday, a guest of Mr. W. H. Jackman and family.—Don't forget the grange meeting next Saturday at 10 A. M., really the business meeting of the year. Let's have a good attendance.—Miss Myrtle E. Fellows is contemplating a visit to her brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Fellows of York, in the near future.—Miss Birdie Basford passed Sunday at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Basford. Miss Basford is a student at Kent's Hill.

—Last Wednesday morning the house of Mr. John Libby, Benton, was destroyed by fire and an aged and infirm man, Mr. A. K. P. Maca, was burned to death. Every attempt was made to save Mr. Maca, but the room was quickly filled with smoke and flames that was impossible to enter. As soon as the upper part of the house had burned to the ground, the form of the unfortunate man could be seen lying in the bed and soon he went down into the cellar as the fire gave way and fell in. Mr. Maca was 74 years of age and was completely helpless, he suffering a shock some two years ago from which he never recovered.

Representative Burleigh has been successful in getting the government to try the South Carolina method of mail delivery in Kennebec county, and the route China, by way of East Vasabass, has been selected. Boxes are to be provided by the roadside, and the mail going and coming will be left and collected by the carrier, thus doing away with the need of a post office. It means increased facilities for mail carriers, and will enable carriers who, hitherto, have had to spend great deal of time in going to and from the post office for the mails, to simply go the roadside, where their mail box has been erected, and secure whatever there is for them.

ROADFIELD. Mrs. Mehitable Gilman, who has been passing the winter at Rock's Island, with her son, William E., died last week with paralysis, and was brought here for burial the 23d.

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Wednesday evening the Universalist society gave a supper, a short programme and social at the vestry, which was well attended and very much enjoyed.—The recent rains have raised the ponds, and the hum of machinery is again heard.—

French, who has been very ill, is gradually recovering.—Miss Annie Mann has gone to Mass. to spend the winter and spring, and Miss Blanche Gile to Augusta.—The Readfield grangers are visiting a young member which the present time is stopping at Mr. Readfield's.—The grange will give an entertainment at their hall Feb. 9th, the first of a series.—The Augusta high school boys held a minstrel show at the hall, Friday evening, but owing to very unfavorable evening but few attended.—The sleighing is wonderful; the roads are all covered with ice and firm as granite.

RIVERSIDE. The Cong'l church was in scene last Wednesday evening of a very pretty wedding, the contracting parties being Miss Maude Ethel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Reed of this place, and Mr. Olm Angus Jackson of Boston, formerly of Riverside. The church was prettily trimmied with evergreen and was seated to overflowing, partly through the reason in which the couple was held and partly on account of the novelty here of a fashionable wedding. The full Episcopal service was used, administered in a very impressive manner by Rev. J. H. Hale, the popular pastor of the church.

The bride was accompanied by Rev. C. E. Sawtelle and Miss Sara M. Weeks as bridesmaids, and the groomsmen were two brothers of the groom, George A. Jackson of Lewiston and Ernest E. Jackson of Waterville. Henry Fossett and Foster H. Ballard were ushers, while J. H. Reed had a general supervision of the arrangement.

The bride was very tastily dressed in white silk lansdown and bridal veil, the maidens being attired in white muslin and they looked very pretty as they recited to the altar to the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. Guy L. Reed.

After the ceremony the wedding party repaired to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reed where a banquet was served, and later to the R. R. station, where Mr. and Mrs. Jackson took the Pullman for their home in Boston, accompanied by the good wishes of a host of friends.

Worst Off Man in the World. The weak and despairing among men who, through excesses of every kind, have lost their power of self-control, find their vital powers decaying—can secure prompt and effective help by consulting with Dr. Greene, the specialist in the treatment of diseases of the heart and lungs, at 34 Temple Place, Boston, Mass. Dr. Greene is the discoverer of the "Merry Maiden," a new and famous remedy wherever the English language is spoken, as the greatest medicine ever invented. Dr. Greene's "Merry Maiden" has also discovered many other wonderful and curative remedies for different diseases. This great specialist can cure every man who is beginning to realize the need of devitalization should avoid the use of tobacco, alcohol, and tobacco, and restored to the full vigor of manhood.

No other physician in the world has so much experience in the treatment of weak men. His advice is free and his treatment is the most successful. There has been much happiness in every community who were made so by Dr. Greene's scientific

"Honest Labor Bears a Lovely Face."

There is nothing more pleasing to look upon than a hearty, ruddy face, gained by honest toil. They are the saving of the nation, these toilers of both sexes, struggling for daily bread.

Pure blood makes them able to keep up the daily round of duty at home, shop or store. If the blood has a taint or impurity, or a rust down feeling comes on, the one remedy is Hood's Sarsaparilla, America's Greatest Medicine for the blood.

Poor Blood "My blood was so poor that it hottest weather I felt cold. It is the right thing in the right place." Hattie J. Taylor, Woodstock, N. J.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liverills; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Don't Be Bilious....

Be forehanded, and guard against it; Get a bottle of "L. F." Atwood's Bitters and keep your digestion right. Be sure it is the "L. F." kind you get.

DR. FRANK S. BIGELOW, SKOWHEGAN, ME.,

Of Twenty-five Years' Successful Practice, Makes

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Patients at a distance will receive one dollar, wire or mail, for consultation, or care, for thorough diagnosis and prescription.

Static electricity scientifically applied at his office in Skowhegan. Office, 212 Main Street, at 2 P. M.

Dr. Bigelow will be at the AUGUSTA HOUSE, AUGUSTA, the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

ABSENT HEALING by Divine force is an assured fact for physical and mental ills. We are giving this special attention. Particulars on receipt of stamp, stating your case. **PINE CREST**, SANATORIUM, E. Rochester, N. H.

"AIR CUSHION RUBBER STAMPS" always ready unless on an strike, the last longest and cost no more than the ordinary stamp. Send for prices. **FLETCHER & CO.**, 53 Chapel St., Augusta, Maine.

Classified Ads.

N. B. Hereafter, Sale, Want and Exchange advertisements will be inserted under this general heading at one cent per word, and will be chosen. No displayed advertising, other than an initial letter and the usual stock exchange, will be accepted. Price must invariably be in advance.

FOR SALE—Leaving estate. Farm, Stock tools; 55 acres, near high school, church, all to best market; 400 bushels apples of 300; 800 bushels corn, fruit, 900 bushels of all increasing yearly. Horse, 2 cows, 35 sheep. Write for full description. S. SMITH, Monson, Me. 612

FOR SALE—Practically n-w 5-horse power Automatic Steam Engine and upright boiler. Best trade we ever offered. Write for particular. **W. T. & M. S.** Mart Street, Boston, Mass. 212

50 BUYS cockerel and three laying hens. Dudson White Wyandotte Bantam. **W. T. & M. S.** Mart Street, Boston, Mass. 212

WANTED—A capable man for general housework in a small family. Must be a good plain cook. **Mrs. H. E. SMITH**, No. 11 Main Street St., Augusta, Me.

FOR SALE—Buff Cochin Bantam Cock, Fowl, pullets, low prices. **L. J. WADDELL**, Tilton, N. H. 214

PEARL GUINEAS, \$1.00 a pair. **Mrs. AD. D. WESTON**, Madison, Me. 314

DEBRISSE FIGS from record stock. **D. BOYD** ready for service. **S. D. DOWDALL**, Sebago, Me. 412

BOOKS ON FREE-MASONRY Send for **DOUGLASS FREE-MASONRY**, Boston, Mass. 2457 McKim Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. 411

A. J. C. COWS FOR SALE Little P. 100,000,000. **J. E. REED**, 114-1073, dropped March 10, 1894. Both male and female. **W. H. REED**, 1074. Very rich and perfect milkers. **C. F. CO.** Com. Mt. Pleasant Farm, South Va., Sabine.

FINE-BLOODED Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Poultry, Sporting Dogs, Send stamp for catalogues. 160 N. P. BOYER & CO., Coatesville, Pa.

DAGS—We will buy cotton seed, meal, beans, ginseng, bran, middlings and flour sacks and any other **SAGADACO FERTILIZERS**. **DR. PRIME** Egg case illustrated circular, and prime list free. **Agent Wanted**. **A. E. FARM**, Ayer Junction, Mass.

Quick Curing for Meats.

A man who knows from many years' experience gives this method of curing and smoking all kinds of meat, such as ham, shoulders, bacon, dried beef, sausages, bologna, fish, etc. For 200 pounds of meat take 1/2 lb. pure ground black pepper, 1 lb. brown sugar, 2 1/2 lbs. salt, 3/4 lb. pure pulverized saltpeter and mix together. First rub the meat well with salt and let it stand one day in order to draw out all the blood. Lay the ham, shoulders and bacon on the skin side, then apply the above mixture by rubbing and pressing in with the hands. Do more pressing than rubbing, and in the course of a week make two more applications three days apart. If in about two weeks it is not dry as it should, and seems a little slimy, apply a little around the bone, and where the meat is apt to get strong; then when dried in ham in the garnet and apply two coats of Krem's Liquid Extract of Smoked. We cure and smoke this way and hang it in a light, airy garret, without any protection around it whatever. Full information will be sent free, on application to E. Kraemer & Bro. Milton, Pa.

Rape and Spelts and Bromus.

Great, cheapest, richest food on earth these three make wonderful testimonials on same. See Salzer's Big Catalogue, sent you for 50 postage and this notice. John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis.

State News.

Mr. Will Rowe, a well-known citizen of Moscow, committed suicide by poisoning Friday night. He leaves a widow and one child. Domestic trouble is the supposed cause.

The opening of the Washington county railroad has set things booming and towns are growing rapidly. Princeton is one which is making rapid growth in all its varied business enterprises.

The Maine Federation of Woman's Clubs held its annual meeting at Westbrook last week. Mrs. Florence Collins Porter of Caribou, President. Seventy clubs were represented and the sessions were of unusual interest.

The Northern Maine Packing Company has advertised for bids for the building of their corn canning factory in Pittsfield. It is expected that the work will commence on the plant at an early date and the buildings be ready for occupancy by May 10th.

Hon. Chas. W. Walton, ex-Supreme Court Judge of Maine, died suddenly at his home in Portland, Wednesday, at the age of 80 years. He was a Judge on the Supreme court of Maine for thirty-five years and no man's decisions were ever more highly honored.

Private advices state that Hon. Arthur Sewall of Bath, who is visiting his son, Hon. Harold M. Sewall of Honolulu, is quarantined on account of the discovery of bubonic plague at that port. When Mr. Sewall wrote, it was uncertain how long the quarantine would last, but aside from that he wrote that he was having a most enjoyable visit.

It is whispered at Freeport that there is now no doubt about the electric road from Brunswick to Yarmouth. Work will commence as soon as practicable. A branch road to South Freeport, then the direct route to Yarmouth—with electric road, and electric lights on the main street. At the same time the full details have not been settled.

The Bellevue House at Hebron Academy was burned Friday night at about 9:30 o'clock. It was occupied by forty students and was run by F. L. Glover. Underneath the boarding-house was a store, in charge of H. F. Melcher. The fire caught from a defective chimney. Some goods were rescued, but in a badly damaged condition. No one was injured.

Charles H. Harris of Bethel, died at his home on Broad street in Bethel village last Saturday morning, at 6 o'clock. Mr. Harris was 65 years old and was the son of John Harris, a former well-known merchant and business man of Bethel. John Harris came to Bethel from Westbrook about 1823, was a captain of militia, a large real estate owner and a successful business man. Charles was once in trade in Newry and later in Bethel, but for several years past has been out of business.

The Machias authorities are mystified by the circumstances attending the death of Mrs. Amelia A. Welch, whose body was found on the beach at Machias last Tuesday morning after she had disappeared the night before. The first impression was that she had been drowned but an examination of the body showed that her hair was not wet and that there was very little water in the lungs. This evidence has led many people to accept the theory that the woman was choked to death by some person unknown, who twisted a veil which Mrs. Welch wore around her neck so tightly as to end her life.

MADISON CENTER. The saw mill is a very busy place; huge loads of logs are hauled from all directions.—Geo. Sawyer, who has been very sick with a throat trouble, is improving slowly.—Several families have been afflicted with sore throats but all are getting better.—Wm. F. French drove a large flock of sheep through this place last week. He pays 27 cents per pound for wool and predicts a higher price.—We have a thirteen years' old horse who thinks the skunk crop the best as he captured pelts to the amount of \$6.65 in five weeks.—The gentle rain of Saturday was thankfully received by the farmers as many of them were getting short of water for their stock.—Most of the farmers in this vicinity have up their supply of wood for the coming year.—Clyde Furber has been present throughout the day and only left the hall after the result of the last vote had been announced. 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The Story of an African Farm.

By OLIVE SOREINER.

When food was on the table, she kept down before the fire, turning the cakes, babbling restlessly, eagerly, now of this, now of that. She was glad to see him. Tant' Sannie was coming soon to show her new baby. He must stay on the farm now and help her. And Waldo himself was well content to eat his meal in silence, asking no more questions.

"Gregory is coming back next week," she said. "He will have been gone 103 days tomorrow. I had a letter from him yesterday."

"Where has he been?"

But his companion stooped to lift a cake.

"How the wind blows! One can hardly hear one's own voice," she said. "Take this warm cake. No one's cakes are like mine. Why, you have eaten nothing!"

"I am a little weary," he said. "The wind was mad tonight."

"I will write a few lines," he said, "till you are ready to sit down and talk."

Em as she stood out the tablecloth watched him bending intently over his paper. He had changed much. His face had grown thinner; his cheeks were almost hollow, though they were covered by a dark growth of beard.

She sat down on the skin beside him and felt the little bundle on the bench. It was painfully small and soft. Perhaps it held a shirt and a book, but nothing more. The old black hat had a piece of unhemmed muslin twisted round it, and on his elbow was a large patch so fixed on with yellow thread that her heart ached. Only his hair was not changed and hung in silky beautiful waves almost to his shoulders. Tomorrow she would take the ragged edge off his collar and put a new band round his hat. She did not interrupt him, but she wondered how it was that he sat to write so intently after his long, weary walk. He was not tired now. His pen hurried quickly and restlessly over the paper, and his eye was bright. Presently Em raised her hand to her breast, where lay the letter yesterday had brought her. Soon had forgotten him as entirely as he had forgotten her. Each was in his own world with his own. He was writing to Lyndall. He would tell her all he had seen, all he had done, though it were nothing worth relating. He seemed to have come back to her and to be talking to her now he sat there in the old house:

"And then I got to the next town, and my horse was tired; so I could go no farther and looked for work. A shopkeeper agreed to hire me as a salesman. He made me sign a promise to remain six months, and he gave me a little empty room at the back of the store to sleep in. I had still £3 of my own, and when you have just come from the country £3 seems a great deal."

"When I had been in the shop three days, I wanted to go away again. A clerk in a shop ha' the lowest work to do of all people. It is much better to break stones. You have the blue sky above you and only the stones to bend to. I asked my master to let me go, and I offered to give him my £2 and the bag of mealies I had bought with the other pound, but he would not."

"I found out afterward he was only giving me half as much as he gave to the others. That was why. I had a fear when I looked at the other clerks that I would at last become like them. All day they were bowing and smirking to the women who came in, smiling, when all they wanted was to get their money from them. They used to run and fetch the dresses and ribbons to show them and they seemed to me like worms with oil on. There was one respectable thing in that store—it was the Kaffir stoneman. His work was to load and unload, and he never needed to smile except when he liked, and he never told lies."

"The other clerks gave me the name of 'Old Salvation,' but there was one person I liked very much. He was clerk in another store. He often went past the door. He seemed to me not like others. His face was bright and fresh, like a little child's. When he came to the shop, I felt I liked him. One day I saw a book in his pocket, and that made me feel near him. I asked him if he was fond of reading, and he said yes, when there was nothing else to do. The next day he came to me and asked me if I did not feel lonely. He never saw me going out with the other fellows. He would come and see me that evening, he said."

"You've got a runny place here, he said."

"You see, there was nothing in it but packing cases for furniture, and it was rather empty. While I was putting the food on the box he looked at my books. He read their names out aloud—Elementary Physiology, 'First Principles.'

"'Golly!' he said. 'I've got a lot of dry stuff like that at home I got for Sunday school prizes, but I only keep them to light my pipe with now. They come in handy for that.' Then he asked me if I had ever read a book called the 'Black Eyed Creole.' 'That is the style for me,' he said—'there where the fellow takes the bigger girl by the arm and the other fellow cuts off. That's what I like.'

"But what he said after that I don't remember, only it made me feel as if I were having a bad dream, and I wanted to be far away."

"After he was gone my little room got back to its old look. I loved it so, I was so glad to get into it at night, and it seemed to be reproaching me for bringing him there. The next day he took the gray mare. On Thursday he did not bring her back, and on Friday I found the saddle and bridle standing at my door."

"In the afternoon he looked into the shop and called out: 'Hope you got your saddle, Farber. Your bag of bones kicked out six miles from this, I'll send you a couple of shillings to-morrow, though the old hide won't worth it. Good morning.'

"But I sprang over the counter and got him by his throat. My father was so gentle with her. He never would ride her up hill, and now this fellow had murdered her. I asked him where he had killed her, and I shook him till he slipped out of my hand. He stood in the door grinning."

"It didn't take much to kill that bag of bones, whose master sleeps in a packing case and waits till his company's finished to eat on the plate."

Shouldn't wonder if you fed her on sugar bags," he said. "And if you think I've jumped her you'd better go and look yourself. You'll find her along the road by the 'as-vogels' that are eating her."

"I caught him by his collar, and I lifted him from the ground, and I threw him out into the street, half way across it. I heard the bookkeeper say to the clerk that there was always the devil in those mumps. But they never called me 'Salvation' after that."

"I am writing to you of very small things, but there is nothing else to tell. It has been all small, and you will like it. Whenever anything has happened I have always thought I would tell it to you. The back thought in my mind is always you. After that only one old man came to visit me. I had seen him in the streets often. He always wore very dirty black clothes and a hat with a wide round it, and he had one eye, so I noticed him. One day he came to my room with a subscription list for a minister's salary. When I said I had nothing to give, he looked at me with his one eye."

"Young man," he said, "how is it I never see you in the house of the Lord? I thought he was trying to do good, so I felt sorry for him, and I told him I never went to chapel. 'Young man,' he said, 'it grieves me to hear such godless words from the lips of one so young, so far gone in the paths of destruction. Young man, if you get God, God will forget you. There is a seat on the right hand side as you go at the bottom door that you may get. If you are given over to the enjoyments and frivolities of this world, what will become of your never dying soul?'

"He would not go till I gave him half a crown for the minister's salary. Afterward I heard he was the man who collected the pew rents and got a percentage. I didn't get to know any one else."

"When my time in that shop was done, I hired myself to drive one of a transport rider's wagons."

"That first morning when I sat in the front and called to my oxen and said nothing about me but the hills with the blue coming down to them and the 'karoo' bushes I was drunk. I laughed. My heart was beating till it hurt me. I shut my eyes tight, that when I opened them I might see there were no shelves about me. There must be a beauty in buying and selling if there is beauty in everything, but it is very ugly to me. My life as a transport rider would have been the best life in the world if I had had only one wagon to drive. My master told me he would drive one, I the other, and he would hire another person to drive the third."

"At the places where we 'oupanned' there were sometimes rare plants and flowers, the festoons hanging from the bush trees, and nuts and insects, such as we never see here, but after a little while I never looked at them. I was too tired. I ate as much as I could and then lay down on my face under the wagon till the boy came to wake me to 'inspan,' and then we drove on again all night. So it went, so it went. I do not know why I kept on working so hard for that master. I think it was as the oxen come every day and stand by the yokes—they do not know why. Perhaps I would have been with him still, but one day we started with loads for the diamond fields. The oxen were very thin now, and they had been standing about in the yoke all day without food while the wagons were being loaded. Not far from the town was a hill. When we came to the foot, the first wagon stuck fast. I tried for little while to urge the oxen, but I soon saw that one 'span' could never pull it up. I went to the other wagon to loosen that 'span' to join them on in front, but the transport rider, who was lying at the back of the wagon, jumped out. He wrote, and the wind, which had spent its fury, moaned round and round the house, most like a tired child weary with crying.

"Em woke up and sat before the fire, rubbing her eyes and listening as it sobbed about the gables and wandered away over the long stone walls."

"You have many letters to write," she said.

"No," he answered. "It is only one to Lyndall."

"He turned away and stood long before the fire looking into it. If you have a deadly fruit to give, it will not grow sweeter by keeping."

"'Waldo, dear,' she said, putting her hand on his hand, "I am going to look at your room door."

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THE TWO LOVES.

The sweetest notes among the human heart strings
Are dull with rust;
The sweetest chords adjured by the angels
Are clogged with dust;

We pipe the music our dreamy music
Upon the soft same strain,

While the sounds of crime and fear and
Desolation.

Come back in sad refrain.

As through the world we go, an army
marching,

With listening ears;

Each longing, sighing for a word of comfort—

A word of tender praise—

A word of earth's hard, busy days.

They love us and we know it; this suffices
Why should they pause? But still our hearts
are aching.

With the growing pain
Of hungry love, that longs to hear the music—

And longs, and longs in vain.

We love them, and they know it; if we falter,
With fingers numb,

Among the unused strings of love's expression—

The notes are dumb;

We shrink within ourselves in voiceless
sorrow.

Leaving the words unsaid,

And side by side with those we love the
dearest,

In silence on we tread.

Thus on we tread, and thus each heart in
silence.

It fails—fails—

Waiting and hoping for the heavenly music

Beyond the distant hills.

The only difference of the love in heaven

From the love on earth below—

Me, here we love and know not how to tell it,

And there we all shall know—

Selected.

THE INSIDE AND THE OUTSIDE VIEW.

There is something pathetic in the
sweetness which other people's blessings
possess for most of us. A mother once
said to a popular teacher, who had been
adored by her pupils for a score of years:
"What a wide and beneficial influence
you have exerted, while I have been
scared up at home, managing servants,
dosing the numps and measles, and
patching and darning! How narrow my
life looks beside yours!"

"Narrow!" cried her friend. "Think
how you have sent forth into the world
every morning your husband and your
flock of boys and girls, full of health and
cheer! What a model home you have
created for all your friends to see!" It is
I who have lived a narrow life rather
than you. What is the slight touch
which I may have given to a thousand or
more lives compared with the deep, de-
termining influence which you have
wielded over the half dozen in your
home?"

"Is it possible that you can think so?"
exclaimed the tired mother, incredulously.

"I know so. I have watched your
children in school. They radiate every-
where an atmosphere of love and light,
and it is you who gave it to them."

One woman lived in a stately mansion
beside the sea. Her lawns sloped down
to the tide. A wide garden stretched
behind. She had a carriage and a coach-
man to drive her wherever she chose to
go. Her dearest friend lived in cramped
quarters in the city. She was not rich,
but she had a circle of charming friends
and many opportunities for social and
intellectual development.

"How I envy your life!" wrote
the city woman to her friend. "If I
could only sit down after breakfast to an
uninterrupted morning such as you do!"

The finest of manure acids is made
by putting a teaspoonful of lemon juice
in a cupful of warm water. This re-
moves most stains from the fingers and
nails, and loosens the cuticle more satis-
factorily than can be done by the use of
a sharp instrument.

Lemon juice and salt will remove
rust stains from linen without injury to
the fabric. Wet the stains with the
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Grange Gatherings.

Feb. 6—Oxford Pomona, Bryant's Pond.
Feb. 8—Yarmouth, Saco, Gray.
Feb. 10—Cumberland Pomona, Gray.
Feb. 13—Somerset Pomona, Aspinwall.
Feb. 15—Augusta, Readfield.
Feb. 24—Penobscot Pomona, Queen City, Bangor.

The next meeting of Androscoggin County Pomona grange will be at South Lewiston, Wednesday, Feb. 7th. The 5th degree will be conferred in the forenoon.

The division of counties and multiplication of pomonas is not to be too rashly commended. Bro. Bearer, in his address in another column, is sound in his position touching this point.

The full report of Penobscot Pomona together with other valuable grange news is crowded out. We shall do our best to serve our readers but the wealth of good messages is a tax upon our columns.

The Farmer finds it impossible to print the very appropriate and touching resolutions passed by the subordinate granges all over the state in memory of Bro. Cook. It is not a question of desire but space.

A fierce warfare is waged, and a very fierce one it promises to be between the sisters and brothers of Georges' River grange, Liberty, with Sister Frances E. Carey and Bro. Charles W. Perkins at the head of the opposing columns. The first engagement is expected to take place on Wednesday evening, Jan. 31st.

Members of North Augusta grange are busy every moment seeking to clear their new hall from debt. Now they are rehearsing for a comedy entitled "Butterfat's Bride," which they will present early in March. They had such good success with "The Woven Web" that the interest is great and all friends are sure of being given a high class entertainment.

Kennebog Pomona, Readfield, Feb. 14. Forenoon session: conferring 5th degree. Afternoon session: Music; discussion of the question of two pomona granges in Kennebog Co., opened by Bro. Chas. Crowell; recitation; music; paper: "Special lines of legislation to be worked for by the grange," Bro. D. H. Thigpen; recitation and music. Usual reduced rates on railroad.

At a meeting of Dirigo grange, No. 13, held Jan. 13, the following officers were installed by Bro. Chas. Edgcomb of Topsham: M. T. E. Skofield; O. C. Hill; Lect. E. A. Rogers; S. Alvah Snow; A. S. A. B. Hodgeson; Chap. Mary E. Snow; Treas. Austin Dyer; Sec. John L. Hodgeson; G. K. James A. Berry; Ceres, Mrs. T. E. Skofield; P. Mrs. C. F. Hill; Mrs. Alvah Snow; L. A. S. Mrs. Lizzie Dyer.

Twilight grange is having some very interesting meetings. The third and fourth degrees were given to two candidates at the last meeting. A committee has been appointed to purchase a lot upon which to build a hall in the near future. The new officers have gone to work in earnest and take great interest in the work. Feb. 12, there is to be a children's meeting and Feb. 20, the anniversary will be observed in an appropriate manner.

TIME is LIFE

The father? Gone for the doctor. The mother? Alone with her suffering child. Will the doctor never come? Whenthere is a croup in the house you can't get the doctor quick enough. It's too dangerous to wait. Don't make such a mistake again; it may cost a life. Always keep on hand a dollar bottle of

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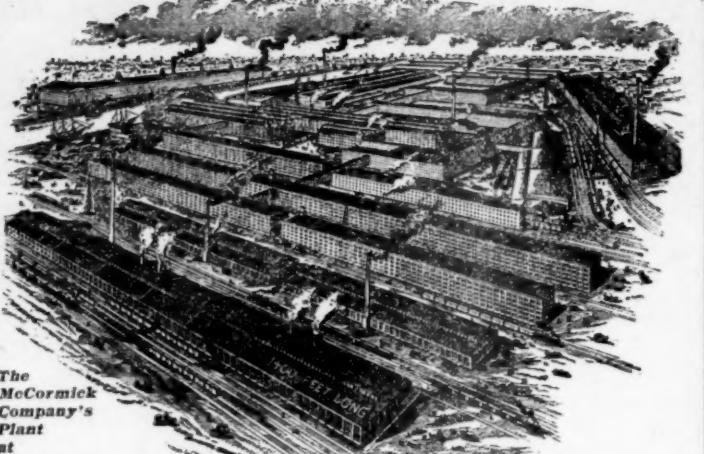
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About 25 years ago I came near dying of a bad cold, but was cured with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, since which time I have kept Ayer's Cherry Pectoral on hand and recommended them to all my friends.

C. D. MATTHEWS, Jan. 16, 1899, Bristol, Vt.

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—*Breeder's Gazette, Dec. 13, 1899.*

Sixty members were present at Norland grange, Saturday, when two were instructed in the last degree. The question "What shall we do to keep our boys and girls at home?" was discussed by Sisters Jennie Morison, Ellen Folsom, Ayer and Haskell, and Bros. Thigpen, Cummings, Cole, Thorne, Haskell and Drury, reading by Sister Folsom, recitation by Grace Thorne and quotations filled the hours of the session.

The installation of the officers of Cambridge grange for 1900, was held at their last meeting, January 6th. Also the second degree was conferred upon one candidate and the third and fourth degrees upon two candidates. A "Harvest Feast" of oyster stew was also a memorable feature of the evening. A very fine programme was carried out under the instruction of the lecturer, Mrs. Florence A. Wilder. Four applications for membership were received. It was really the most interesting meeting since the organization of the grange.

The officers of Falmouth grange were installed on Monday eve, Jan. 22: M. W. Hadlock; O. L. W. Dyer; Lect. Mrs. F. B. Blanchard; S. W. A. Scarles; Chap. F. E. Freese; Treas. Geo. L. Hall; Sec. S. G. Huston; G. K. Harry Wind; Ceres, Mrs. L. W. Hadlock; P. Mrs. L. W. Dyer; F. Miss Evelyn Kahre; L. A. S. Miss Stella Purinton. State Master Gardner installed, by invitation, assisted by E. H. Moses and Sister George of Pleasant River grange, after which 125 patrons sat down to a fine supper. Falmouth grange has now 112 members enrolled, and interesting meetings.

York Pomona met in January with Springvale grange. A short season was devoted to a memorial service in honor of our lamented State Lecturer Bro. Cook. Eloquent and touching tributes were paid to the memory of Bro. Simont of Saco, Smith of Aleslie, Carle of Hollis, Moulton, Hanson, Ridley, Shaw and Butler of Springvale. A committee was appointed to prepare the proper resolutions. The afternoon was devoted to the installation of officers. Bro. Sin not assisted by Bro. and Sister Moulton of Springvale performed the ceremony in his usual graceful manner. The next meeting will be with Saco grange, Feb. 8.

SOMERSET POMONA GRANGE

There will be a meeting of Somerset Pomona with North Anson grange, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 10 A. M. Programme: Opening exercises; address of welcome, W. C. Emery, Anson; response, Mr. Fannie G. Clark, Solon; music by Anson choir; 5th degree. Recess. "How to improve social development and refinement in the farm home," by Mrs. Bunker of North Anson; "Help us to know the sacredness of others' rights," by Edgar Maly, Anson; duty by Mrs. Emma Dunton and Mrs. W. C. Emery. Question: "Is it true that just in proportion as farmers develop thought power, they will become a power in legislative halls?" discussed by T. F. Houghton, Bingham; Geo. C. Patten, Solon; R. C. McKinney, Madison; Bro. Walker of Stark and others.

MEETING OF WALDO COUNTY GRANGE

A very pleasant meeting of Waldo County Pomona grange was held Jan. 17, with South Montville grange. Grange was called to order at the usual hour by Worthy Master Foster. The following granges were represented: Silver, Harvest, Honey, Mystic, Union Harvest, Dirigo, Georges River, Victor, Frederick Ritchie, South Montville and Tranquillity. By vote of the grange the Worthy Master appointed M. B. Hunt, A. G. Caldwell and A. V. Martin a committee to draw up resolutions on the death of State Lecturer Cook. A class of seven was instructed in the fifth degree. Remarks for good of the order were made by M. B. Hunt, B. F. Foster, C. M. Hawes and J. W. Farrar. A committee consisting of J. W. Farrar, C. S. Adams, H. P. Barker, J. W. McFarland and Alice Bartlett was appointed on time, place and programme for next meeting. Noon recess was then taken.

The afternoon meeting was opened with music by the choir. The committee on next meeting reported as follows: Time, Feb. 13; place, Morning Light grange, Monroe; programme, opening exercises; conferring fifth degree; report of granges; appointment of committees; noon recess; music; address of welcome by Sister Durham; response by Sister S. C. Thompson; report of committees; question, "Resolved, That all the laws of our order should be rigidly enforced," to be opened by H. R. Dawson; remainder of the programme to be furnished by Morning Light Grange. Appropriate resolutions on the death of Bro. Elijah Cook were placed upon the records.

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"Our beautiful city of Auburn owes its prosperity as much to Mr. Briggs as any one man. Every new industry, every improvement in streets and public buildings, in fact, everything that would build up and make our city a better place to live in, received his hearty endorsement and financial aid.

"Very few men had as many true friends in every walk of life. His varied career as a farmer, manufacturer and his long service in public life gave him an acquaintance with men all over the State and New England. With him, once a friend was a friend forever. But it was as a neighbor, a true friend and a faithful patron of husbandry, that I knew him best."

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